GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Procurement of Cotton
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Cotton Corporation of India had procured only eight lakh bales so far at Minimum Support Price (MSP) due to high prices of cotton;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that area under cotton had dropped by 7.3 per cent and is 118.81 lakh hectares; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES
(SHRI AJAY TAMTA)

(a) & (b): As on 3.8.2016, in the ongoing cotton season 2015-16 (October, 2015 to September, 2016), 8.44 lakh bales have been procured by Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) under Minimum Support Price (MSP) operations. The state-wise details of procurement made by CCI is as under:-

State Procurement by CCI MSP Purchases (in lakh bales)
Gujarat 0.52
Maharashtra 1.17
Madhya Pradesh 0.29
Telangana 5.95
Andhra Pradesh 0.40
Orissa 0.12
Total 8.44

(c) & (d): Yes, Madam. The area under cotton cultivation during the current cotton season 2015-16 has decreased by around 7% to 118.81 lakh hectares as against 128.19 lakh hectares of previous year. The state-wise details of the area under cultivation of current year and previous year is as under:-

(Area in lakh hectare)
2014-15 2015-16*
Andhra Pradesh 8.21 6.66
Telangana 17.13 17.78
Gujarat 27.73 27.19
Haryana 6.48 6.03
Karnataka 8.75 6.33
Madhya Pradesh 5.47 5.47
Maharashtra 41.90 38.27
Odisha 1.27 1.25
Punjab 4.20 3.39
Rajasthan 4.87 4.48
Tamil Nadu 1.87 1.42
Others 0.31 0.50
All India 128.19 118.72
*4th Advance Estimates of Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare

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